

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 5 are amended, and claims 6-15 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Support for the amendments to claims 3 and 5 can be found in claims 3-5 as originally filed. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Hoffmann in the August 6 and 19 telephonic interviews. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interviews is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2 and 4 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 3 and 5 are not indefinite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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